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Glenn Keith  
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Dear Mr. Keith,

In January 2011, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts posted a notice seeking public comment on Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP) revised draft Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (RH SIP). The comments herein review the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) component of the RH SIP. The MassDEP BART describes your proposal to improve regional haze impacts at mandatory Class I areas across your region. We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the initial evaluation, development, and, now, subsequent review of this plan. Cooperative efforts such as these ensure that, together, we will continue to make progress toward the Clean Air Act's goal of natural visibility conditions at our Class I wilderness areas and parks.

This letter acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, has received and conducted a substantive review of your proposed BART. The Forest Service's participation in Massachusetts' administrative process does not waive any legal defenses or sovereignty rights it may have under the laws of the United States, including the Clean Air Act and its implementing regulations. Only the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can make a final determination about the document's completeness, and therefore, only the EPA has the ability to approve the document.

From the perspective of a Federal Land Manager, I have attached the Department of Interior comments and I concur with their response. I look forward to your response required by 40 CFR 51.308(i)(3). For further information, please contact Ralph Perron, Air Quality Specialist, at (802) 222-1444.



Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Forest Service compliments you on your hard work and dedication to significant improvement in our nation's air quality values and visibility.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Thomas G. Wagner*  
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Enclosure

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